

Application No. 10/705,779
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (previously amended): An interlabial ~~product-pad~~ comprising:
~~an interlabial pad including a water-permeable surface side sheet;~~
~~a back side sheet; and~~
 an absorbent body for absorbing body fluid disposed between the surface side sheet and the back side sheet; and
a cylindrical portion for forming a longitudinally elongated open space for inserting a finger therein,

wherein said open space is formed inside the interlabial pad to extend from one end to another end of the interlabial pad along the longitudinal direction said cylindrical portion is formed by folding the interlabial pad in the longitudinal direction and by attaching longitudinally opposing peripheral edges of the back side sheet in the longitudinal direction from approximately the middle of the peripheral edges towards one end of the peripheral edges for inserting a finger in the longitudinal direction, said open space becomes smaller toward the end of the peripheral edges, and a part of the peripheral edge of the back side sheet away from the end of the peripheral edges is opened to form a finger insertion opening, and said interlabial pad has a size adapted to be disposed between the labia of a wearer.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The interlabial ~~product-pad~~ according to claim 1, further comprising:

a flap portion provided longitudinally adjacent to said ~~cylindrical~~ portion,
 wherein said flap portion is formed by a pair of flap pieces not bonded to each other to define a finger insertion opening.

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Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The interlabial ~~product~~ pad according to claim 1, wherein said ~~cylindrical~~ portion is extended up to an end portion of the interlabial product along the finger insertion direction, and that said ~~cylindrical~~ portion covers a wearer's finger inserted in said ~~cylindrical~~ portion.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The interlabial ~~product~~ pad according to claim 1, wherein said ~~cylindrical~~ portion is extensible or elastic at least in a lateral direction.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): The interlabial ~~product~~ pad according to claim 1, wherein a tacking agent is applied on an inner surface of said ~~cylindrical~~ portion for a fingertip of the finger.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The interlabial ~~product~~ pad according to claim 1, wherein said absorbent body is enclosed between said surface side sheet and said back side sheet, and

wherein said back side sheet is disposed inside of said ~~cylindrical~~ portion.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The interlabial ~~product~~ pad according to claim 1, wherein said absorbent body and said back side sheet are enclosed in said surface side sheet, and

wherein said surface side sheet is disposed inside and outside of said ~~cylindrical~~ body.

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Claim 10 (currently amended): The interlabial product pad according to claim 1, wherein said interlabial product is a product for incontinence.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The interlabial product pad according to claim 1, wherein said interlabial product is a product for absorbing vaginal discharge.

Claim 12 (currently amended): An individual wrapping body comprising the interlabial product-pad recited in claim 1, and a wrapping sheet for entirely covering and enclosing said interlabial productpad.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The individual wrapping body according to claim 12, wherein said interlabial ~~product~~pad is folded up and enclosed so that the flap pieces open when the individual wrapping body is unwrapped.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The individual wrapping body according to claim 12, wherein said individual wrapping body has an unwrapping opening formed on a surface of the wrapping sheet, and the interlabial product pad is disposed so that the finger insertion opening of said ~~cylindrical~~ portion is positioned to face the unwrapping opening of said individual wrapping body.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing an individual wrapping body comprising:

a process for folding the interlabial ~~product~~pad according to claim 1 in two parts in a lateral direction along a longitudinal center line, and
a process for enclosing said interlabial ~~product~~pad in the wrapping sheet.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing an individual wrapping body comprising:

a process for folding the interlabial ~~product~~pad according to claim 2 in two

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parts in a lateral direction along a longitudinal center line, and
a process for enclosing said interlabial ~~product~~ pad in the wrapping sheet.

Claim 17 (new): An interlabial pad comprising:

a water-permeable surface side sheet;

a back side sheet;

an absorbent body disposed between the surface side sheet and the back side sheet; and

a portion for forming a longitudinally elongated open space for inserting a finger therein, said portion formed by attaching opposing peripheral edges of the back side sheet in the longitudinal direction from approximately the middle of the peripheral edges towards an end of the interlabial pad, said portion having a finger insertion opening at an end away from said end of the interlabial pad, and said open space becoming smaller towards the end of the interlabial pad away from the finger insertion opening,

wherein said interlabial pad has a size adapted to be disposed between the labia of a wearer.

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